

# Forum Workshop

## ***Who's Watching the San Joaquin River***

Coordinating Water Monitoring on the San Joaquin River

**February 14, 2012, 9 am - 4 pm**

Stanislaus County Agricultural Center  
3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto, CA 95358  
Sponsored by CURES, EPA Region 9  
in conjunction with the Central Valley Water Board

### **Purpose of Forum Workshop**

- x To showcase water monitoring and assessment on the San Joaquin River;
- x Gain input on "Strawman Proposal for a San Joaquin River Regional Monitoring Program." *Participants are encouraged to review the Strawman Proposal prior to the Forum.*

### **9:00 -9:10 am Welcome/ introduction**

Coordinating a Regional Surface Water Monitoring Program  
Overview of Strawman Proposal

Parry Klassen  
CURES

### **9:10 - 9:30 Opening Remarks and Keynote**

EPA Region 9

Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Alexis Strauss  
Director, Water Division  
Pamela Creedon  
Executive Officer

### **9:30-10:30 Regional Monitoring, Data Management and Assessment**

State Water Resources Control Board

*Programs on the SJR, data management*

Watershed Assessments by US Geological Survey

Moderated questions; comments on questions  
Additional panelist

Karen Larsen  
Deputy Director, OIMA

Joe Domagalski  
USGS

Nigel Quinn  
UC Berkeley

### **10:30-10:50 Break; View Posters**

### **10:50- 12:00 Federal and State Activities on the San Joaquin River**

US Bureau of Reclamation; SJR Restoration Program

*Monitoring and assessment in the restoration reaches*

California Department of Water Resources

*Managing river flows for water users and the environment*

Moderated questions; comments on questions  
Additional panelist

Ali Forsythe  
Program Manager  
Chris Eacock  
Monitoring Manager

Ernie Taylor  
Regional Coordinator

TBD

12:00 - 1:15 pm

Lunch

## Afternoon Sessions

### 1:15-2:30 **Watershed Compliance Efforts: Conducting Monitoring, Reporting, Using Data**

San Joaquin River Drainage Authority

*A comprehensive look at selenium: 15 years later*

Joseph McGahan

Project Manager

San Joaquin River Irrigated Lands Watershed Coalitions

*Farm discharges into the SJR and what's being done*

Parry Klassen

East San Joaquin  
Water Quality Coalition

VAMP: Vernalis Adaptive Management Program

*SJR tributaries and coordinated flows for fish*

Dennis Westcott

Program Manager

Moderated questions; comments on questions

Additional panelist

TBD

### 2:30- 3:30 **Insights from Experience**

Panel discussion (previous speakers) on what we've heard; defining next steps

Institutional cooperation; long term funding;

connections with existing programs

Brock Bernstein,  
Facilitator

3:30 – 4 pm Audience input and facilitator's closing observations. Thanks from CURES, EPA